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FOLLOWING SENT ACTIN KINSHASA FROM LUBUMBASHI 5/23 REPEATED FOR  
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L LUBUMBASHI 0541

3.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: MILI, MOPS, CG  
SUBJECT: SHABA II SITREP-MAY 23,1978

### 1. AMERICAN CITIZENS

REPRESENTATIVE OF BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY GROUP WHICH  
VISITED KOLWEZI ON MAY 21-22 HAS BROUGHT TO CONSULATE PICTURE  
OF BODY THEY BELIEVE TO BE THAT OF AMCIT LONNIE GLENN  
DETAILS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

### 2. MILITARY ACTIVITIES.

FIFTEEN C-141'S LANDED IN LUBUMBASHI ON MAY 22 WITH SUPPLIES  
AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE FRENCH LEGIONAIRES. THE  
INFLATABLE PLANE  
DEPARTED LUBUMBASHI AT 0300 MAY 23 CARRYING WITH IT THE  
21-MAN US AIR FORCE MAINTENANCE TEAM.

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### 3. MILITARY POSITIONS: NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 4. POLITICAL

(A) KOCPEZI BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TEAM USING GCM  
PHOTOGRAPHER HAS RETURNED TO LUBUMBASHI WITH PHOTOS AND  
PIECES OF IDENTIFICATION FOR 52 EUROPEAN CORPSES IN

KOLWEZI. THEY BELIEVE THERE ARE PROBABLY NOT MORE THAN THREE TO FIVE CORPSES THAT THEY MISSED. THEY SAID THAT ABOUT A DOZEN EUROPEAN CHOSE TO REMAIN IN KOLWEZI AFTER THE EVACUATION.

(B) FAZ DESERTERS DESCENDED ON THE TOWN OF LUENA (0918S/2546E) ABOUT 80 MILES NORTH OF KOLWEZI THE EVENING OF MAY 22 AND HARRASSED THE 12 EXPATRIATE FAMP IES WHO WORK AT GECAMINES LUENA COAL MINE. GCM IS SENDING A HELICOPTER TO LUENA TO INVESTIGAGE THIS MORNING.

(C) MORALE IN OTHER SHABAN TOWNS. CONCERN IS CONTINUING TO MOUNT IN ALL OF SHABA'S TOWNS ABOUT WHAT KIND OF SECURITY IS AVAILABLE TO PREVENX ANOTHER KOLWEZI ATTACK. AFTER GCM RECEIVED PEITITIONS ON MAY 21 FROM EXPATRIATES IN KAMBOVE, LIKASI, AND KIPUSHI DEMANDING FREEDON TO HWRAVEL AND A CONTINUED WESTERN SECURITY PRESENCE, DELEGATE GENERAL UMBU FLEW TO KINSHSA ON MAY 22 TO BRING THESE CONCERNS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT. TCA FRENCH COMMUNITY IN LUBUMBASHII BELIEVES THAT THEIR EMBASSY IS TOO OPTIMISTIC IN ITS ASSESSMENT THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE LEGIONNAIRES IN THE KOLWEZI AREA PROVIDES STRIKING CAPABILITY WHICH PROTECTS SHABA'S OTHER TOWNS. THEY HAVE ASKED THEIR CONSUL GENERAL TO TAKE STEPS TO BRING SMALL CONTINGENTS OF FRENCH TROOPS TO OTHER SHABAN TOWNS. A SIMILAR MESSAGE WAS SENT TO THE HEAD OF THE LEGIONNAIRES. A DELEGATION  
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FROM THE BELGIAN, FRENCH AND GREEK CONSULATES IS GOING TO LIKASI ON MAY 23 TO ATTEMPT TO CALM THE FEARS OF THEIR CITIZENS IN SHABA'S SECOND TOWN.

(D) BIG POWER POLITICS. IF THE WESTERN POWERS ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SECURITY PRESENCE IN SHABA ON A CONTINUING BASIS, LUBUMBASHI'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY BELIEVES THIS WILL SIGNAL THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF A WESTERN ORIENTATION FOR ZAIRE. WITHOUT SECURITY EXPATRIATES WILL LEAVE AND THE ECONOMY WILL DECLINE, LEADING TO A DOWNWARD SPIRAL THROUGH WHICH ONLY THE RUSSIANS AND CUBANS CAN BENEFIT.

ON ANOTHER SCALE LUBUMBSHIS BUSINESSMNMUNITY INTERPRETS THE RAPID DEPARTURE OF THE BELGIAN PARATROOOPS AND THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE FRENCH LEGIONNAIRES AS A VICTORY FOR THE FRENCH IN THEIR CONTINUING DRIVE TO UNSEAT THE BELGIANS AS ZAIRE'S MOST IMPORTANT EUROPEAN FRIEND.

(E) THE FIRST TRAIN IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEMPT A TRIP TO KOLWEZI ON MAY 23 TO CHECK THE TRACK FOR POSSIBLE MINS.

(F) ONLY 78 REFUGEES FROM KVLWEZI HAVE COME THROUGH LUBUMBSHI  
AND HAVE NOT PROCEEDED TO KAMINA WHERE THY WERE  
INCLUDED AMONG THE 2,200 REGISTERED THERE.

5. PSYCHOLOGICAL/RUMBLINS.

OFFICIAL EDITORIAL LINE OF LUBUMBASHI DAILY MJUMBE JOINS  
REPORTED PUBLIC OPINION AT LEAST AT ONE POINT: THE WAR  
IN SHABA HAS NOT YET SEEN ITS DENOUEMENT. MJUMBE SPEAKS  
OF QUOTE PREVENTING ANY SIMILAR ACTION IN THE FUTURE UNQUOTE  
AND SEEKS A SOLUTION OUTSIDE ZAIRIAN BORDERS: QUOTE THE PRINCIPAL  
RESPONSIBLE PARTIES OF THE UNHAPPINESS WE ARE NOW UNDERGOING  
ARE AFRICAN COUNTRIES, ANGOLA, LIBYA, ALGERIA UNQUOTE.  
ON THE OTHER HAND A LEADING UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATOR  
CONSIDERS AN INTERIOR POLITICAL CHANGE--QUOTE A CHANGE  
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OF GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE-- AS THE ONLY HOPE FOR A  
SHABA AT PEACE. HOWEVER, HE IS SO CERTAIN THAT THIS  
WILL NOT COME ABOUT VOLUNTARILY THAT HE SAID HE WAS  
SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING SENDING HIM FAMILY TO KINSHSA  
AS HE STATED, SO MANY OTHER WELL PLACED ZAIRIANS  
HAVE ALREADY DONE.

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